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Programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011

Promotion and protection of human rights: human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

Situation of human rights in Myanmar

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/65/L.48/Rev.1

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

I. Introduction

1. At its 47th meeting, on 18 November 2010, the Third Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.3/65/L.48/Rev.1 on the situation of human rights in Myanmar. The Committee was informed of the programme budget implications of the draft resolution in the statement submitted by the Secretary-General (A/C.3/65/L.64/Rev.1).

II. Requests contained in the draft resolution

2. Under the terms of operative paragraph 30 of draft resolution A/C.3/65/L.48/Rev.1, the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General:

(a) To continue to provide his good offices and to pursue his discussions on the situation of human rights, the transition to democracy and the national reconciliation process with the Government and the people of Myanmar, involving all relevant stakeholders, including democracy and human rights groups, and to offer technical assistance to the Government in that regard;

(b) To give all necessary assistance to enable the Special Adviser and the Special Rapporteur to discharge their mandates fully and effectively, and in a coordinated manner;

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(c) To report to the General Assembly at its sixty-sixth session, as well as to the Human Rights Council, on the progress made in the implementation of the resolution.

III. Relationship of the proposed requests to the biennial programme plan and priorities for the period 2010-2011

3. The foregoing requests relate to subprogramme 1, Prevention, control and resolution of conflicts, of programme 2, Political affairs, and subprogramme 3, Advisory services, technical cooperation and field activities, and subprogramme 4, Supporting the Human Rights Council, its subsidiary bodies and mechanisms, of programme 19, Human rights, of the strategic framework for the period 2010-2011 (A/63/6/Rev.1).

IV. Activities by which the requests would be implemented

4. In his report to the General Assembly (A/65/367), the Secretary-General indicated that despite his best efforts, utilization of the good offices was not made to engage meaningfully on issues of mutual interest and concern during the reporting period. This lack of engagement limits the ability of the Secretary-General to fully implement the mandate entrusted to him by the General Assembly. It also disregards the support that Member States have invested in the good offices mandate. Member States, therefore, have an interest and responsibility to translate their support by actively helping to ensure that Myanmar extends the necessary cooperation.

5. Nevertheless, the Secretary-General continued his consultations with the authorities and key stakeholders, including democracy and human rights groups, as well as key Member States with regard to the objectives of the good offices mandate. Engagement continued with the United Nations country team and the broader United Nations system, including the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific and international financial institutions. The efforts focused on five key areas, as endorsed by the Group of Friends of the Secretary-General and in the Security Council: (a) the release of all political prisoners, including Daw Aung San Suu Kyi; (b) the need for an all-inclusive, substantive and time-bound dialogue; (c) the need to create conditions conducive to a credible political transition process to a civilian and democratic government; (d) improving socio-economic conditions; and (e) regularizing the good offices process between Myanmar and the United Nations.

6. Following the elections held on 7 November 2010, the Secretary-General issued a statement on 8 November 2010 stressing that the Myanmar authorities have a responsibility to turn the conclusion of the election process into a new beginning for the country and its people, and that they must demonstrate that the ballot was part of a credible transition towards democratic government, national reconciliation, and respect for human rights. He also urged the Myanmar authorities to ensure that the process of forming new institutions of Government would be as broad-based and inclusive as possible, and called for renewed dialogue among all stakeholders in this regard as part of any process of national reconciliation.

7. The Secretary-General issued a statement on 15 November 2010 to express his deep admiration and heartfelt best wishes to Daw Aung Suu Kyi on the occasion of her long-awaited release from detention; he said that he expected that no further restrictions would be placed on her, and urged the Myanmar authorities to build on the action by releasing all remaining political prisoners.

8. Moving forward, the Secretary-General will remain committed to support the efforts of the Government and the people of Myanmar towards national reconciliation, the transition to democracy, and towards full respect for human rights as the necessary foundation for long-term stability and prosperity.

9. Consistent with the requests contained in operative paragraph 30 of draft resolution A/C.3/65/L.48/Rev.1, the efforts of the Secretary-General will continue in 2011 to provide his good offices and to pursue his discussions on the situation of human rights, the transition to democracy and the national reconciliation process with the Government and the people of Myanmar, involving all relevant stakeholders, including democracy and human rights groups, and to offer technical assistance in that regard. The efforts of his good offices would be carried out through his Special Adviser and his team. The progress made in the implementation of the resolution would be reported to the General Assembly at its sixty-sixth session.

V. Estimated resource requirements

10. The estimated costs of continuing the efforts of the good offices of the Secretary-General to facilitate the process of national reconciliation and democratization through his Special Adviser for Myanmar, as requested in operative paragraph 30 (a), (b) and (c) of draft resolution A/C.3/65/L.48/Rev.1 for a one-year period, from 1 January to 31 December 2011, amount to $1,216,700 net ($1,370,900 gross).

11. These resources would cover the salaries for the Special Adviser and four staff (2 P-4, 1 P-3 and 1 General Service (Other level)); the official travel of the Special Adviser to Myanmar, neighbouring countries in the region, Europe and North America, including United Nations Headquarters; the services of consultants; and miscellaneous services in support of his mission. Other substantive and administrative support to the Special Adviser would be provided by the Department of Political Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat.

12. The above requirements have been included in the report of the Secretary-General on estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council (A/65/328/Add.1 and Corr.1), and would be charged against the provision for special political missions included under section 3, Political affairs, of the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011.

13. With regard to the request contained in the last part of operative paragraph 30 (a), concerning technical assistance, such assistance, if requested, would be accommodated within the technical cooperation activities of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights. As to the request contained in operative paragraph 30 (b), pertaining to the Special Rapporteur, the Secretary-General, in his report on revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions

adopted by the Human Rights Council at its twelfth, thirteenth and fourteenth sessions (A/65/333 and Corr.1) informed the General Assembly that the activities called for in Council resolution 13/25 (A/65/53, chap. II, sect. A) are considered of a "perennial nature" and as such, provision of an estimated $70,200 per annum to implement the activities of the Special Rapporteur has been made, under section 23, Human rights, of the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011.

14. No additional resources are requested under section 23, Human rights, at this juncture, beyond those reflected above.

VI. Summary

15. **Should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.3/65/L.48/Rev.1, additional requirements amounting to $1,216,700 net ($1,370,900 gross) would be required for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2011 for the continuation of the efforts of the good offices of the Secretary-General relating to the situation in Myanmar.**

16. **These requirements would be charged against the provision for special political missions under section 3, Political affairs, of the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011. Approval for these requirements are being sought in the context of the report of the Secretary-General on estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council (A/65/328/Add.1 and Corr.1), currently before the Assembly for consideration at the main part of its sixty-fifth session.**

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Follow-up to the commemoration of the two-hundredth anniversary of the abolition of the transatlantic slave trade

Permanent memorial to and remembrance of the victims of slavery and the transatlantic slave trade

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/65/L.36

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

I. Requests contained in the draft resolution

1. Under the terms of operative paragraphs 6 and 7 of draft resolution A/65/L.36, the General Assembly would:

(a) Request the Secretary-General to organize a series of activities annually to commemorate the International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade, including a commemorative session of the General Assembly at United Nations Headquarters and, as appropriate, activities through the network of United Nations information centres;

(b) Request the Department of Public Information, in cooperation with the countries concerned and with relevant organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, to continue to take appropriate steps to enhance world public awareness of the commemorative activities and the permanent memorial initiative, and to facilitate efforts to erect the permanent memorial at United Nations Headquarters.

2. With regard to the provisions contained in operative paragraph 7 of draft resolution A/65/L.36 relating to efforts to erect the permanent memorial at Headquarters, it is the understanding of the Secretary-General on the basis of operative paragraphs 3 and 4 of the draft resolution, that the request would be undertaken only when sufficient extrabudgetary funding was received. The long-

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term running costs associated with the maintenance of the memorial would also be borne by voluntary contributions.

II. Relationship of the draft resolution to the strategic framework and the programme budget for 2010-2011

3. The activities referred to under operative paragraphs 6 and 7, whereby the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General and the Department of Public Information, respectively, to organize a series of activities annually to commemorate the International Day of Remembrance, including a commemorative session of the General Assembly at the United Nations Headquarters and, as appropriate, activities through the network of United Nations information centres, and in cooperation with the countries concerned and with relevant organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, to continue to take appropriate steps to enhance world public awareness of the commemorative activities and the permanent memorial initiative, relate to subprogramme 3, Outreach and knowledge-sharing services, of programme 23, Public Information, of the strategic framework for the period 2010-2011 (A/63/6/Rev.1) and are under section 27, Public information, of the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011.

III. Activities by which the requests would be implemented

4. Should the draft resolution be adopted, various activities, as described below, would need to be undertaken.

5. The Department of Public Information would organize a series of activities annually to commemorate the International Day of Remembrance, including a commemorative session of the General Assembly at Headquarters and, as appropriate, activities through its network of United Nations information centres. The activities would include:

(a) An exhibit on a theme related to the International Day of Remembrance;

(b) Film screenings on themes related to the International Day, which would be held at Headquarters and, possibly, at other United Nations locations, for staff, the diplomatic community and invited guests;

(c) A student videoconference, which would be held at Headquarters, to connect high-school students and teachers, from around the world;

(d) A cultural event and/or concert celebrating themes relating to the International Day;

(e) A panel discussion on a theme related to the International Day, which would be organized as part of the non-governmental organization briefings series, with the participation of speakers who are experts in their field;

(f) Educational outreach resources, including posters, postcards, banners, T-shirts and promotional videos and DVDs.

IV. Modification to the programme of work for 2010-2011

6. In order to reflect the provisions of the draft resolution, the following modification would need to be made to the narrative of section 27, Public information, of the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011 (A/64/6 (Sect.27)):

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In paragraph 27.43 (a) (vi) c, under "Special events", add the following to existing paragraph c:

"organization of a series of events and the promotion of observances of the International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade (2)".

V. Estimated resource requirements

7. For the biennium 2010-2011, the Department would require the following resources:

(a) General temporary assistance of one Professional staff member and one General Service staff member for five months to coordinate the planning and organization of the annual week-long observance, including the preparation of the report of the Secretary-General on the observance ($85,000);

(b) Contractual services relating to hosting a cultural evening and concert, including to cover stage, security and production costs, as well as fees for performers and artists ($100,000), an exhibit on a theme related to the International Day of Remembrance ($20,000), technical requirements and the travel of external experts as moderators for student videoconference, organization of a teachers' conference at Headquarters to promote development of a curriculum on the transatlantic slave trade ($18,000) and film screenings ($1,500);

(c) Travel expenses, including roundtrip tickets and related expenses, for two days of panel discussions for non-governmental organizations, where the panellists would possibly be from Africa and the Caribbean ($12,000);

(d) Education outreach resources relating to posters, postcards, banners and T-shirts as well as promotional videos and DVDs ($15,000).

8. The implementation of these activities would involve additional public information resources in the total amount of $251,500 under section 27, Public information, of the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011.

9. Pursuant to General Assembly resolutions related to the remembrance of the victims of slavery and the transatlantic slave trade, the Department of Public Information undertakes certain activities incorporating the theme, such as through weekly non-governmental organization briefings, United Nations student conferences and existing exhibits, as detailed in the reports of the Secretary-General on the programme of educational outreach on the transatlantic slave trade and slavery (A/63/213, A/64/299 and A/65/390). The Department also promotes these activities through its website and printed materials. However, under the provisions of operative paragraph 6 of draft resolution A/65/L.36, the scale and reach of these

activities would need to be expanded to include a series of events, including travel of speakers and moderators and the organization of a cultural event and/or a teachers' conference for curriculum development. As such, the scope of the activities would require additional resources, including temporary assistance.

VI. Potential for absorption during the biennium 2010-2011 and estimated requirements for the biennium 2012-2013

10. There are no provisions under the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011 that could be made available to support the series of activities planned to commemorate the International Day of Remembrance. At the current stage, it is not possible to identify activities within section 27, Public information, of the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011 that could be terminated, deferred, curtailed or modified during the biennium to accommodate the additional requirements.

11. Owing to the recurrent nature of the commemorative events, should the General Assembly adopt the draft resolution, the ongoing biennial requirements would be estimated at $503,000 gross (i.e., $251,500 per annum).

VII. Contingency fund

12. It will be recalled that under the procedures established by the General Assembly in its resolution 41/213 of 19 December 1986 and 42/211 of 21 December 1987, a contingency fund is established for each biennium to accommodate additional expenditure derived from legislative mandates not provided for in the programme budget. In accordance with the decision contained in paragraph 21 of Assembly resolution 63/266, the contingency fund for the biennium 2010-2011 has been set at the level of $36,532,900. Under this procedure, if additional expenditure were proposed that exceeded the resources available from the contingency fund, the activities concerned would be implemented only through the redeployment of resources from low-priority areas or modification of existing activities. Otherwise, such additional activities must be deferred to a later biennium.

VIII. Summary

13. **Accordingly, should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/65/L.36, additional requirements amounting to $251,500 would be required under section 27, Public Information ($239,400), and section 36, Staff assessment ($12,100), to be offset by the same amount under Income section 1, Income from staff assessment, of the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011. This would represent a charge against the contingency fund and, as such, would require appropriation for the biennium.**

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Follow-up to the commemoration of the two-hundredth anniversary of the abolition of the transatlantic slave trade

Permanent memorial to and remembrance of the victims of slavery and the transatlantic slave trade

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/65/L.36

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Corrigendum

1. **Paragraph 7 (a)**

For $85,000 *read* $72,900

2. **Paragraph 8**

For $251,500 *read* $239,400

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Elimination of racism and racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance: comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action

Programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011

Global efforts for the total elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance and the comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/65/L.60, as revised

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

I. Introduction

1. At its 52nd meeting, on 23 November 2010, the Third Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.3/65/L.60, as orally revised, by a recorded vote of 121 in favour to 19 against, with 35 abstentions. The Secretariat informed the Third Committee, at the time of adoption of the draft resolution, that in view of the multiple revisions to the draft resolution, the programme budget implications of its terms were being determined and the related statement of programme budget implications, if any, would be provided as soon as full consultation with relevant substantive offices were complete.

2. The attention of the Fifth Committee is drawn to the fact that rule 153 of the rules and procedures of the General Assembly could not be followed, as the Third Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.3/65/L.60, as orally revised, without being informed of the programme budget implications associated with the implementation of the terms of the draft resolution.

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3. Accordingly, the attention of the Fifth Committee is drawn to the fact that this statement of programme budget implications associated with the implementation of the terms of the draft resolution is made in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly and is being submitted directly to the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and the Fifth Committee for action which it considers appropriate.

II. Requests contained in the draft resolution

4. Under the terms of paragraphs 30, 31, 50, 51, 53, 57, 63, 71 and 73 of draft resolution A/C.3/65/L.60, as orally revised, the General Assembly would:

(a) Request the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to continue to provide States, at their request, with advisory services and technical assistance to enable them to implement fully the recommendations of the Special Rapporteur;

(b) Request the Secretary-General to continue to provide the Special Rapporteur with all the human and financial assistance necessary to carry out his mandate efficiently, effectively and expeditiously and to enable him to submit a report to the General Assembly at its sixty-sixth session;

(c) Decide to hold a one-day high-level meeting of the General Assembly to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action, at the level of Heads of States and Governments, on the second day of the general debate of the sixty-sixth session, under the theme "Victims of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance: recognition, justice and development", consisting of an opening plenary meeting, consecutive round tables/thematic panels and a closing plenary meeting; and call on the President of the General Assembly to appoint co-facilitators to conduct consultations on the scope, modalities, format and organization of the high-level meeting;

(d) Also decide that the meeting would adopt a short and concise political declaration aimed at mobilizing political will at the national, regional and international levels for the full and effective implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action and its follow-up processes;

(e) Request the Secretary-General to establish a programme of outreach, with the involvement of Member States and United Nations funds and programmes as well as civil society, including non-governmental organizations, to appropriately commemorate the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action;

(f) Request the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) and the Department of Public Information of the Secretariat to launch a public information campaign for the commemoration of the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action, including the wide distribution of user-friendly information materials through the United Nations system, inter alia, through United Nations information centres;

(g) Request the Secretary-General to provide the resources necessary for the effective fulfilment of the mandates of the Intergovernmental Working Group on the

Effective Implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action, the Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent, the group of independent eminent experts on the implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action and the Ad Hoc Committee on the Elaboration of Complementary Standards;

(h) Request the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner to continue to provide the Human Rights Council with all the necessary support for it to achieve its objectives in this regard;

(i) Request the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its sixty-sixth session a report on the implementation of the present resolution, with recommendations.

III. Relationship of the requests to the biennial programme plan and priorities for the period 2010-2011 and the programme of work for the biennium 2010-2011

5. The activities to be carried out relate to: (a) programme 1, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management; (b) programme 19, Human rights; (c) programme 23, Public information; and (d) programme 24, Management and support services, of the strategic framework for the period 2010-2011. They also fall under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management; section 23, Human rights; section 27, Public information; and section 28D, Office of Central Support Services, of the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011.

IV. Activities by which the proposals would be implemented and additional requirements by programme budget section

6. With respect to paragraph 30 of draft resolution A/C.3/65/L.60, as orally revised, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights will continue, as part of its core activities, to provide States, at their request, with technical assistance, through use of resources provided under section 22, Regular programme of technical cooperation of the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011, as well as voluntary contributions (including the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Technical Cooperation in the Field of Human Rights).

7. With respect to paragraph 31, the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance falls under the category of activities considered to be of a "perennial nature". Provision for such activities has been included under section 23, Human rights, of the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011.

8. Pursuant to paragraphs 50 and 51, it is the understanding of the Secretariat that the opening and closing plenary of the high-level meeting will be held from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. and from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., respectively, and will require interpretation service and verbatim record service from and into all six official languages of the United Nations. Furthermore, a round table or thematic panel will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and another from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., which will require interpretation service

from and into all six official languages. It is also estimated that a concise political declaration of 10,700 words will be translated into all six official languages. The total estimated additional requirements of $231,800 are initially estimated to respond to paragraphs 50 and 51 of the draft resolution, which are detailed below:

(a) Resources estimated at $194,700 would be required under the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011 to provide conference services to the four meetings mentioned in paragraph 8 above, as follows: (i) $181,700 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, comprising requirements for meeting services ($45,000), verbatim record service ($70,700) and documentation services ($66,000); and (ii) $13,000 under section 28D, Office of Central Support Services, for other conference support services;

(b) The first of the two consecutive round-table discussions is expected to include the Special Rapporteur on racism, the Chair of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, the Chair of the Working Group on Arbitrary Detention, and the Chair of the Inter-Governmental Working Group on the Effective Implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action. Additional requirements for the travel and daily subsistence allowance expenses of the aforementioned experts to participate in the high-level meeting and round-table discussions are estimated at $32,600, to be provided under section 23, Human rights. The second round-table discussion is expected to be attended by Heads of State and Government, and the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights;

(c) It is estimated that an amount of $4,500 would be required under section 27, Public information, to provide media coverage in response to paragraph 50 of the draft resolution.

9. The Secretariat has determined that of the total amount of $194,700 required for conference services (referred to in para. 8 (a) above), an amount of $66,000 can be absorbed for documentation services within the resources available under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, of the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011. To the extent possible, the Secretariat also intends to accommodate the amount of $13,000 required for other conference support services, within the appropriation approved under section 28D, Office of Central Support Services, of the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011, and will report on the expenditures incurred in the second performance report for the biennium 2010-2011. Of the remainder of the conference-related costs amounting to $115,700 that would be required, under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, for meeting services ($45,000) and verbatim record services ($70,700), it is proposed to meet the requirements under the provisions of the contingency fund for the biennium 2010-2011.

10. As concerns the requirements under paragraph 8 (b) above, it is proposed to absorb the requirements of $32,600 required under section 23, Human rights, within available resources approved under section 23, Human rights, of the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011, in response to paragraph 50 of the draft resolution. Requirements of $4,500 (referred to in para. 8 (c) above) are also proposed to be absorbed within available resources approved for the biennium 2010-2011, under section 27, Public information.

11. The attention of the Fifth Committee is also drawn to the terms of paragraph 50, in which the President of the General Assembly is called on to appoint co-facilitators to conduct consultations on the scope, modalities, format and organization of the high-level meeting. Should the scope, modalities, format and organization to be decided by the General Assembly differ from the modality understood by the Secretariat as indicated in paragraph 8 above, the Secretary-General will report to the General Assembly through established procedures revised estimates and additional resource requirements, if any.

12. With respect to paragraph 53, it is estimated that an amount of $49,000 would be required under section 27, Public information, to carry out outreach activities, such as briefing on the theme of the Durban commemoration, student conference and exhibits. It is proposed to meet the additional requirements of $49,000 for section 27, Public information, under the provisions of the contingency fund for the biennium 2010-2011.

13. With respect to paragraph 57, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, in collaboration with the Department of Public Information, estimates that a total amount of $41,700 would be required under section 27, Public information, for promotional activities and products ($33,000); and web design/development and maintenance ($8,700). It is proposed to meet the additional requirements of $41,700 for section 27, Public information, under the provisions of the contingency fund for the biennium 2010-2011.

14. The terms of paragraph 64 relate to the mandates of the various special procedures that fall under the category of activities considered to be of a "perennial nature". Provisions for such activities have been included under section 23, Human rights, of the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011.

15. OHCHR would continue to provide the Human Rights Council with all the necessary support in the implementation of the terms of paragraph 71 of the draft resolution.

16. The report on the implementation of the present resolution requested in paragraph 73 will be submitted to the General Assembly at its sixty-sixth session.

V. Potential for absorption and the contingency fund

17. In response to the terms of paragraphs 50, 51, 53 and 57, the table below summarizes the additional requirements arising under the terms of draft resolution A/C.3/65/L.60, as orally revised. Although total additional requirements of $322,500 will arise under the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011, it is proposed to accommodate an amount of $116,100 under the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011 as reflected in the table below. Accordingly, it is proposed to meet the remaining amount of $206,400 under the provisions of the contingency fund.

Summary of overall resource requirements

(United States dollars)

	2011		
	Total additional requirements (i)	*Total additional requirements proposed for absorption* (ii)	*Total additional requirements proposed to be met under the terms of the 2010-2011 contingency fund* (iii) = (i)-(ii)
Section 2: General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management	181 700	66 000	115 700
Section 23: Human rights	32 600	32 600	
Section 27: Public information	95 200	4 500	90 700
Section 28D: Office of Central Support Services	13 000	13 000	
Total	**322 500**	**116 100**	**206 400**

18. It is not possible at this stage to identify activities within sections 2 and 27 of the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011 that could be terminated, deferred, curtailed or modified during the biennium in order to meet the additional requirements.

19. It is recalled that, under the procedures established by the General Assembly in its resolutions 41/213 and 42/211, a contingency fund is established for each biennium to accommodate additional expenditure derived from legislative mandates not provided for in the programme budget. Under this procedure, if additional expenditures were proposed that exceeded the resources available from the contingency fund, the activities concerned would be implemented only through the redeployment of resources from low-priority areas or the modification of existing activities. Otherwise, such additional activities would have to be deferred to a later biennium.

20. The Secretariat has reviewed the programme of work under sections 2, 23, 27 and 28D of the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011. It is considered that the requirements, in response to the draft resolution, for sections 2 and 27 extend beyond the absorptive capacities of provisions to be made under the aforementioned sections.

VI. Conclusion

21. **Accordingly, should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.3/65/L.60, as orally revised, it is requested to approve the proposals of the Secretary-General in a total additional amount of $206,400 as a charge against the contingency fund for the biennium 2010-2011. The requirements by section would be as follows:**

(a) **$115,700 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management;**

(b) **$90,700 under section 27, Public information.**

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Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit

Scope, modalities, format and organization of the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/65/L.50

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

I. Requests contained in the draft resolution

1. Under the terms of operative paragraphs 1, 4, 4 (a), 4 (b), 7 and 10 of draft resolution A/65/L.50, the General Assembly would:

(a) Decide that the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases should be held on 19 and 20 September 2011 in New York;

(b) Decide that the organizational arrangements of the high-level meeting and the round tables should be as follows:

(i) Formal plenary meetings on 19 September chaired by the President of the General Assembly and featuring opening statements by the President, the Secretary-General, the Director-General of the World Health Organization and a representative of civil society who would be chosen from non-governmental organizations with consultative status with the Economic and Social Council and in consultation with Member States; and a closing plenary meeting on 20 September, comprising the presentation of summaries of the round tables and the adoption of a concise action-oriented outcome document;

(ii) Organization of three round tables, with round tables 1 and 2 taking place concurrently with the plenary meetings on 19 September and round table 3 taking place on 20 September;

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(c) Decide also that the high-level meeting would result in a concise action-oriented outcome document, and request the President of the General Assembly to produce a draft text in consultation with Member States based on their inputs, as well as inputs from the preparatory process and evidence-based inputs, where relevant, and convene informal consultations at an appropriate date to enable sufficient consideration and agreement by Member States prior to the high-level meeting;

(d) Request the President of the General Assembly to organize, no later than June 2011 and in consultation with representatives of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, civil society organizations, the private sector and academia, an informal interactive hearing, with non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations, the private sector and academia to provide an input to the preparatory process for the high-level meeting.

II. Relationship of the draft resolution to the strategic framework and programme budget for 2010-2011

2. The activities called for in the draft resolution relate to programme 1, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, and subprogramme 4, Support services, of programme 24, Management and support services, of the strategic framework for the period 2010-2011 (A/63/6/Rev.1). They also fall under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, and section 28D, Office of Central Support Services, of the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011 (A/64/6 (Sect. 2 and Sect. 28D)).

III. Activities by which the proposals will be implemented and additional requirements for 2010-2011

3. It is recalled that by its resolution 64/265, the General Assembly decided to convene a high-level meeting of the Assembly, with the participation of Heads of State and Government, on the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases in September 2011, and also decided to hold consultations on the scope, modalities, format and organization of the high-level meeting with a view to concluding consultations, preferably before the end of 2010. The Secretary-General submitted an oral statement of programme budget implications on draft resolution A/64/L.52 prior to the adoption of the resolution in which he stated that, given that consultations on the scope, modalities, format and organization of the high-level meeting had yet to be held, there was insufficient information available to the Secretariat to determine the full extent of the programme budget implications arising from the adoption of the draft resolution and that the Secretary-General would submit a statement of programme budget implications, if any, to the Assembly once decisions had been taken, based on the results of the consultations.

4. Pursuant to operative paragraphs 1, 4, 4 (a), 4 (b) and 7 of draft resolution A/65/L.50, it is envisaged that the high-level plenary meetings of the General Assembly will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (plus a short opening meeting, outside

normal working hours, from 9 to 10 a.m.) and from 3 to 6 p.m. on 19 September, and that the closing plenary meeting will begin after 6 p.m. on 20 September. Thus, interpretation services and verbatim records would be required for four plenary meetings in the six official languages. In addition, two round table meetings would be held on 19 September and one on 20 September in parallel with the high-level plenary meetings, which would require interpretation services in the six official languages. In connection with those meetings, one in-session document of 8,500 words and one post-session document of 10,700 words would be translated and issued in all six languages.

5. It is estimated that additional resources amounting to $360,600 under the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011 would be required to service the meetings to be held in September 2011 as cited above. The additional resources consist of $334,800 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, resulting from: (a) requirements for interpretation services in all six languages for seven meetings, amounting to $78,800; (b) requirements for verbatim records in all six languages for four meetings amounting to $141,000; and (c) documentation services requirements amounting to $115,000, comprising $51,000 for the in-session document and $64,000 for the post-session document; and requirements of $25,800 under section 28D, Office of Central Support Services, for other conference support services (see table 1).

6. Pursuant to operative paragraph 10 of draft resolution A/65/L.50, it is determined that the informal interactive hearings, to be organized no later than 12 June 2011, would not constitute additions to the calendar of meetings, since they would be considered as part of the programme of work of the General Assembly and would be covered by the provisions available within the programme budget to service the Assembly with interpretation services (not verbatim records), provided that the hearings were held within normal working hours, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and/or from 3 to 6 p.m. and that no other meeting of the Assembly is held in parallel.

Table 1
Additional resource requirements in 2010-2011 pertaining to draft resolution A/65/L.50

(United States dollars)

Type of support	*Plenary meetings*	*Round table meetings*	*Total additional resource requirements*
Interpretation services	45 000	33 800	78 800
Verbatim records	141 000	—	141 000
In-session documentation	51 000	—	51 000
Post-session documentation	64 000	—	64 000
Other conference support services	15 600	10 200	25 800
Total	**316 600**	**44 000**	**360 600**

IV. Potential for absorption

7. The Secretariat has sought to identify areas from which resources could be redeployed to meet the additional requirements relating to conference services for the biennium 2010-2011 as set out in table 1. It is considered that a total amount of $208,000 could be absorbed as follows:

(a) Half of the resource requirements for meetings servicing in respect of the plenary meetings, $93,000, given that no meeting of the General Assembly would be held in parallel on 19 September; as such two of the four plenary meetings could be accommodated using resources allotted for servicing of the Assembly, comprising interpretation services ($22,500) and verbatim records ($70,500);

(b) The total requirements for the processing of in-session and post-session documents, amounting to $115,000.

8. The net conference-related costs after absorption, which amount to $152,600, would require an additional appropriation for the biennium 2010-2011 (see table 2).

Table 2
Additional resource requirements for 2010-2011 pertaining to draft resolution A/65/L.50, after absorption

(United States dollars)

Type of support	*Plenary meetings*	*Round table meetings*	*Total additional resource requirements*	*Amount to be absorbed*	*Net cost*
Interpretation services	45 000	33 800	78 800	(22 500)	56 300
Verbatim records	141 000	—	141 000	(70 500)	70 500
In-session documentation	51 000	—	51 000	(51 000)	—
Post-session documentation	64 000	—	64 000	(64 000)	—
Other conference support services	15 600	10 200	25 800	—	25 800
Total	**316 600**	**44 000**	**360 600**	**(208 000)**	**152 600**

V. Contingency fund

9. It will be recalled that, under the procedures established by the General Assembly in its resolutions 41/213 and 42/211, a contingency fund is established for each biennium to accommodate additional expenditure derived from legislative mandates not provided for in the approved or proposed programme budget. Under this procedure, if additional expenditure were proposed that exceeded the resources available from the contingency fund, the activities concerned would be implemented only through the redeployment of resources from low-priority areas or the modification of existing activities. Otherwise, such additional activities must be deferred to a later biennium.

10. It is not possible at this stage to identify further activities under sections 2 and 28D of the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011 that could be terminated,

deferred, curtailed or modified in order to meet the net additional requirements beyond the amount already proposed for absorption.

VI. Action required of the General Assembly

11. **Accordingly, should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/65/L.50, additional resources amounting to $152,600 would be required for the biennium 2010-2011, comprising $126,800 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, and $25,800 under section 28D, Office of Central Support Services. Under the procedures established by the Assembly in its resolutions 41/213 and 42/211, those provisions would represent a charge against the contingency fund and, as such, would require an appropriation for the biennium 2010-2011.**

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Contingency fund: consolidated statement of programme budget implications and revised estimates

Report of the Secretary-General*

1. The consolidated statement of programme budget implications and revised estimates is hereby submitted in accordance with the guidelines for the contingency fund contained in the annex to General Assembly resolution 42/211. Potential new charges, which amount to $5,991,700, are detailed in the annex to the present report. The amounts indicated in respect of each item correspond to those recommended by the Fifth Committee upon its consideration of individual statements and proposals for revised estimates and have been subjected to recosting based on the updated parameters applied to the first performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011 (A/65/589).

2. Concerning the revised estimates under section 23, Human rights, of the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011, resulting from the increase in the membership of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (A/65/400), the cost of the one-day induction course in Geneva in the amount of $12,400 has been identified for absorption within the approved level of resources under section 23 for the biennium 2010-2011. In addition, the amount of $967,500 has been identified for absorption in respect of the revised estimates resulting from the resolutions and decisions adopted by the Human Rights Council at its fifteenth session under the approved appropriation for the biennium 2010-2011 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and Conference Management ($609,300); section 23 ($357,300); and section 28E, Administration, Geneva ($900). In respect of the programme budget implications relating to the total elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance and the comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action, and the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases, the amounts of $116,100 and $208,000, respectively, have been identified for absorption.

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3. In its resolution 63/266 of 24 December 2008, the General Assembly decided that the level of the contingency fund for the biennium 2010-2011 should be set at the level of $36,532,900. The balance in the contingency fund for the biennium 2010-2011, as noted in resolution 64/245 of 24 December 2009, was $31,331,900, after taking into account charges approved during the main part of the sixty-fourth session. At the resumed sixty-fourth session, pursuant to resolutions 64/288 of 24 June 2010 and 64/260 of 29 March 2010, the Assembly approved additional charges totalling $2,932,100 to the contingency fund in respect of the Emergency Preparedness and Support Unit/Office of Human Resources Management ($2,745,000) and the financing of the United Nations Office to the African Union ($187,100). After the approved charges at the resumed sixty-fourth session are taken into account, the balance of the contingency fund for the biennium 2010-2011 would amount to $28,399,800. The amount of new and potential charges of $5,991,700, as detailed in the annex to the present report, is therefore within the approved balance of the contingency fund.

4. **The Fifth Committee, in accordance with paragraph 5 of the annex to resolution 42/211, may proceed to recommend to the General Assembly the appropriation of the required amounts under the relevant sections of the programme budget as follows:**

(Thousands of United States dollars)

Budget section		*Requirement for contingency fund*
1	Overall policymaking, direction and coordination	109.8
2	General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management	2 053.8
23	Human rights	2 628.3
27	Public information	329.9
28D	Office of Central Support Services	140.5
28E	Administration, Geneva	51.9
29	Office of Information and Communications Technology	63.4
36	Staff assessment	249.1
37	UN-Women	365.0
	Total expenditure	**5 991.7**

Balance in the contingency fund for future needs

5. **Should the Fifth Committee proceed accordingly, it should also request the General Assembly to note that a balance of $22,408,100 would remain in the contingency fund.**

Annex

Contingency fund charges

(Thousands of United States dollars)

Potential charges not yet approved	*Proposals before the Fifth Committee (a)*	*Suggestions for absorption as reflected in the reports of the Secretary-General (b)*	*Recommendations of the Advisory Committee (c)*	*Recommendations of the Fifth Committee (d)*	*Fifth Committee meetings*	*Recosting (e)*	*Costs to be charged to the contingency fund (f) = sum (a) to (e)*
Revised estimates under section 23, Human rights, of the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011, resulting from the increase in the membership of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (A/65/400)	332.1	(12.4)	—	—	8th and 27th	(6.9)	312.8
Administration of justice at the United Nations (A/65/373 and Corr.1)	7 627.5	—	(6 539.6)	60.1	15th and 27th	(0.9)	1 147.1
Revised estimates resulting from the increase in the number of members of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment pursuant to article 5 of the Optional Protocol (A/65/500)	2 331.5	—	(1 539.7)	—	17th and 27th	(2.4)	789.4
Revised proposal for the use of regular budget resources for the normative support functions of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) (A/65/531)	430.1	—	—	—	20th and 27th	(0.8)	429.3

Potential charges not yet approved	*Proposals before the Fifth Committee (a)*	*Suggestions for absorption as reflected in the reports of the Secretary-General (b)*	*Recommendations of the Advisory Committee (c)*	*Recommendations of the Fifth Committee (d)*	*Fifth Committee meetings*	*Recosting (e)*	*Costs to be charged to the contingency fund (f) = sum (a) to (e)*
Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Human Rights Council at its fifteenth session (A/65/333/Add.1 and Corr.1)	3 436.5	(967.5)	(202.8)	202.8	19th and 27th	86.2	2 555.2
Report of the Secretary-General on the status of implementation of the information and communications technology strategy, including the role and responsibilities of the Chief Information Technology Officer (A/65/491)	1 280.3	—	(1 280.3)	148.0	18th and 27th	(0.1)	147.9
Statement of the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/65/L.36 on the permanent memorial to and remembrance of the victims of slavery and the transatlantic slave trade (A/C.5/65/11 and Corr.1)	251.5	—	—	—	25th and 27th	(0.2)	251.3

Potential charges not yet approved	*Proposals before the Fifth Committee (a)*	*Suggestions for absorption as reflected in the reports of the Secretary-General (b)*	*Recommendations of the Advisory Committee (c)*	*Recommendations of the Fifth Committee (d)*	*Fifth Committee meetings*	*Recosting (e)*	*Costs to be charged to the contingency fund (f) = sum (a) to (e)*
Statement on the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/65/L.60, as revised, on the global efforts for the total elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance and the comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action (A/C.5/65/12)	322.5	(116.1)	—	—	25th and 27th	(0.1)	206.3
Statement on the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/65/L.50 on the scope, modalities, format and organization of the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases (A/C.5/65/13)	360.6	(208.0)	—	—	26th and 27th	(0.2)	152.4
Total	**16 372.6**	**(1 304.0)**	**(9 562.4)**	**410.9**		**74.6**	**5 991.7**